

### REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in association with the Request For Continued Examination attached herewith. Claims 1-20 and 22-40 are cancelled, and Claims 41-46 are currently added. Claims 21 and 41-46 are currently pending.

#### I. Telephone Interview on Monday, May 25, 2005

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner in the telephone interview of May 25, 2005 as well as prior teleconferences. During the May 25, 2005 teleconference, the Examiner indicated a willingness to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss the patentability of the newly presented claims, and/or to discuss suggested added features to move the present application to allowance. Applicants' representative is most appreciative of the Examiner's offer, and looks forward to being contacted by the Examiner.

#### II. New Claims 41 et seq.

With reference to exemplary Claim 41, the cited prior art does not appear to teach or suggest a serialized data stream from a foreign network administrator, wherein the serialized data stream describes a cellular telephone call made by the local subscriber while the local subscriber was roaming in the foreign network system, and wherein the serialized data stream includes a plurality of attributes defined in a non-industry-standard format negotiated between the foreign network administrator and the local network administrator. (Please see FIGs 3, 5 and 6; page 6, line 30 and page 7, line 21 of the present specification for support.)

Similarly, the cited art does not teach or suggest attaching, by the local network administrator, one or more validation rules and one or more population rules to each of the attributes (supported on page 7, line 5, *et seq.* of the present specification). Furthermore, the cited art does not teach or suggest validating each attribute in the serialized data stream as comporting with all of the validation and population rules and, in response to all attributes in the serialized data stream being validated, converting the serialized data stream into a local format for storage by the local network administrator (see FIG 9 of the present specification).

With reference to new Claim 42, the cited art does not teach or suggest a method in which the attributes include "Field Type," "Length in Bytes," "Description," and "Buffer Position" for each data item in the serialized data stream (see page 7, line 22 *et seq.* of the present specification).

With reference to new Claim 43, the cited art does not teach or suggest the method of claim 42, wherein the "Description" includes the local subscriber's name and account number, and wherein the "Buffer Position" describes a buffer position between each attribute when stored by the local network administrator (supported by FIG 6 and page 7, lines 27 *et seq.* of the specification).

**III. Conclusion**

As the prior art does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the presently claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0457**.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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